

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation -- Senators Kerry and Kennedy

In a letter sent today, the Massachusetts Congressional delegation called on FEMA to move forward c

"Communities in Massachusetts are really hurting from all the recent flooding. We can't let red tape ge

Senator Edward M. Kennedy said, "The needs of those affected by the floods in Massachusetts shoul

"For Massachusetts this is an urgent matter affecting dozens of our local communities. FEMA needs to

"Slow responses from FEMA are unacceptable, and we need to have the emergency declaration as so

"Last week, I visited flood damaged communities throughout western and central Massachusetts. I saw

"In some instances, the flooding left people with no home or possessions. Dealing with the aftermath, p

"FEMA needs to respond to our request for a federal disaster declaration so we can begin to secure ter

"The flooding crisis in Massachusetts is real, and it must be addressed," Congressman Jim McGovern

"It is our hope that FEMA will accelerate its response to schools, roads and bridges in Massachusetts c

Congressman William Delahunt said, "We seem to be able to airlift reconstruction supplies to Iraq virtu

"I urge FEMA to act on the Commonwealth's request for a disaster declaration so that more resources

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch said, "In light of yesterday's Northeaster and the property damage tha

The text of the letter is below.

October 26, 2005

R. David Paulison
Acting Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
Dear Director Paulison:

As you are well aware, Governor Mitt Romney last week requested a federal disaster declaration for th

The Commonwealth has identified over \$11 million in damage caused by the flooding. Schools, roa

We recognize that FEMA is handling multiple weather disasters. However, we also know that FEMA h

Sincerely,

MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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